

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of an Advisory Action dated May 30, 2006 regarding the above-identified U.S. patent application, which indicates that the amendment submitted May 1, 2006 does not place the application in condition for allowance. In particular, in the continuation of item 11, the Advisory Action indicates that in the Examiner's view, the phrase "communications application" is sufficiently broad to read on the "substitute identifiers" contained in the Gabber et al reference.

Applicants disagree with the proposition that the "substitute identifier" in Gabber et al constitutes a "communications application" within the conventionally understood meaning of that term, or within the scope of that term as used in the specification. By the foregoing amendment, however, Applicants have revised the claim language to substitute the phrase "web browsing software" for the phrase "communications application". Accordingly, in view of the comments contained in the continuation of item 11 in the Advisory Action mailed May 30, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 distinguishes over the cited Gabber et al reference.

In addition, Applicants further note that the comments contained in the Advisory Action appear to overlook the limitations of the last two paragraphs of Claim 1, which are discussed at page 12 of the May 1, 2006 amendment. In

particular, the penultimate paragraph of Claim 1 recites that the web browsing software is configured such that user input data which is input to the web browsing software by a user of the terminal is transmitted into the network, without storing a record of the input data at the terminal. In addition, the last paragraph further specifies that data which are received from the network at the terminal by the web browsing software at the request of the user are presented to the user, once again, without storing a record of the data at the terminal. It is apparent that in this context, the term “the terminal” refers to the terminal on which the web browsing software is being operated, and on which the user is utilizing the web browsing software to communicate via the Internet. The underlined features of the invention are significant in that, by importing web browsing software (accessible elsewhere on the Internet) which does not store such data, a subsequent user of the same terminal, such as, for example, a public access terminal, cannot ascertain information regarding the communications and the websites visited by the previous user, whose confidentiality is sought to be protected.

Applicants respectfully submit that the latter features of the invention are neither taught nor suggested by the Gabber et al reference, regardless of whether one accepts the proposition that the “substitute identifiers” in Gabber et al constitute a “communications application” as discussed above.

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Applicants acknowledge that the outstanding Office Action has been made final. Accordingly, a Request for Continued Examination has been submitted herewith. Further prosecution of this application based on the foregoing amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 038819.53225US).

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